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**Applicant(s):** Gillin, Korfmann and Raden

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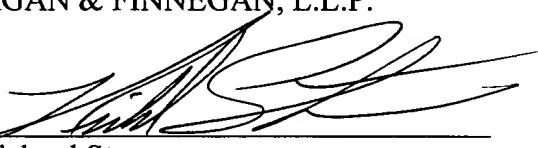
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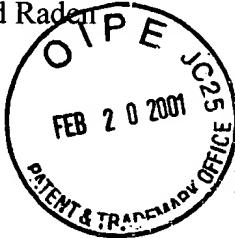
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This is responds to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2000.

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on February 12, 2001 to discuss the Fleming and Sugimori references. The Examiner indicated that he would provide an interview summary by mail.

As an administrative matter, on February 11, 1999 applicants submitted a preliminary amendment along with an IDS citing some 55 references along with an appropriate PTO-1449. On February 25, 1999, applicants submitted a Supplemental IDS citing an additional 3 references and a PTO-1449. On April 18, 2000 applicants submitted an additional Supplemental IDS including the references cited in the International Search Report and a copy of the report itself along with another PTO-1449. The present Office Action enclosed an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 submitted in April, but neither of the two preceding ones. Enclosed herewith are duplicate